

EXPLORE SAVANNAH

Tours

✓ **Old Town Trolley** 912-233-0083 www.historictours.com/Savannah

Tours pick up on Bull Street just out the The DeSoto front doors to the left. All aboard Savannah's Best Tour! Experience over 270 years of history as the expert tour conductors relate the stories, sights and landmarks of Georgia's First City! Join them as they turn back the pages of time and relive the rich legacy of a charming and alluring southern town.

✓ **Old Savannah Tours** 912-234-8128 www.oldsavannahtours.com

Tours pick up on Bull Street just out the The DeSoto front doors to the left. Transporting you through more than two and a half centuries of history, see Savannah as the early colonists saw it -- Ride along cobblestone paved streets beneath moss-draped oaks and experience the "Old South" with its stately mansions, beautiful squares, romantic riverfront and abundance of artifacts. Our newest and most popular tour is the "Paula Deen Tour." You have got to check out this tour that promises to be a memorable experience.

✓ **Segway of Savannah** 912-233-3554 www.segwayofsavannah.com

Located Downtown, the Segway is a self-balancing, two wheeled device, allowing the user to "glide" over smooth terrain. The device is powered by the rider by leaning and shifting their weight. There is no skill required. The Segway Personal Transporter can be utilized at your meeting or convention in several ways. Each participant can ride just for fun. Team building exercises or individual challenges can be created for your groups. The device is perfect for transfers between venues. Use a Segway for announcements or to introduce a new product or service. And, of course, we offer tours through Savannah's Historic District allowing the visitor an up close look at the squares and monuments.

✓ **Haunted Pub Tour** - Savannah Tours By Foot 912-238-3843 www.savannahtours.com

Tours typically start at Six Pence on Bull Street across the street from the The DeSoto. On your journey through the streets of Savannah, you will be welcomed into some of the city's best pubs in search of spirits of another sort. Put on your walking shoes, get ready for lots of spirited fun, and join us for Savannah's Creepy Crawl!

✓ **Savannah Ghost Tour** 912-695-1578 www.hearseghosttours.com

Ride in a real hearse that was in service for over 15 years. Pass through cemeteries and through the beautiful and historic streets of Savannah and hear the grisly tales of some of the most beautiful homes.

✓ **Savannah Movie Tours** 912-234-3440 www.savannahmovietours.com

Created and written by Savannah native and filmmaker "Hollywood Ron" Higgins. Featuring Forrest Gump, Legend of Bagger Vance, Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil, Cape Fear, Roots, and many more!

✓ **Savannah Slow Ride** 912-414-5634 www.savannahslowride.com

The eco-friendly way to see Savannah. Our fifteen person bicycle excursion (you read that right, 15 people on one bike!) takes you through beautiful historic downtown. We offer a variety of routes to entertain groups, or just to leave the hustle and bustle behind and have a blast with fifteen of your best friends. We don't offer any history lessons on this ride, just all the shenanigans you can pack into a sloooooooooowww ride.

✓ **Pedals** 912-508-5080 www.savannahpedals.com

Explore Savannah and experience the ride of a lifetime aboard one of the largest bicycles ever built. Gather up to 15 of your closest friends and enjoy eco-entertainment at its finest. Traverse the downtown historic district using the cleanest energy yet available: People-Power! Great for Pub Crawls, Scenic Tours, Corporate/Team-Building Events, and Special Events of all kinds.

Carriage Tour

✓ **Plantation Carriage Tours** 912-236-4331

Return to a kinder, gentler day...tour Savannah the way it was meant to be seen. Imagine Moss laden trees, beautiful antebellum homes, monuments and museums that are over 200 years old. As you take our covered carriage through America's 1st planned city, you will learn about our famous and infamous people and events from our rich and colorful history. Our fully narrated tours last 50-60 minutes and cover 25-30 blocks in the heart of the Historic District. You will see many old houses, churches, and gardens during your tour.

Cruises

✓ **Savannah Riverboat Cruises** 912-232-6404 www.savannahriverboat.com

Savannah is a river town, so what better way to get an overview of her harbor and port than to cruise with the River Street Riverboat Company! The 400 passenger Savannah River Queen and the 600 passenger Georgia Queen are triple-decker, red, white and blue stern-wheel vessels that offer a variety of different tours all through the harbor. Relive a bygone era on board a replica paddle wheeler.

✓ **Dolphin Magic** 912-897-4990 www.dolphin-magic.com

Enjoy two rides in one aboard this unique boat! First, enjoy a cruise of Historic Savannah's Riverfront, Waving Girl, Fort Jackson and Fort Pulaski narrated by our friendly and knowledgeable Captain and First Mate. Then...enjoy the excitement of watching the Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins play around historic Tybee Beach. See the Tybee Lighthouse* and Cockspur Island Lighthouse*.

Spa

✓ **Savannah Day Spa** 912-234-9100 www.savannahdayspa.com

18 East Oglethorpe Ave, 31401,

Located within a 3 minute walk of the The DeSoto, the Savannah Day Spa is a beautifully restored historic building constructed in 1826. Features massages, facials, nail care, waxing and laser, makeup and hair salon.

Golf

✓ **The Club at Savannah Harbor** 912-201-2007 www.theclubatsavannahharbor.com

2 Resort Dr. ~ Savannah, GA 31421

18 holes over 7,288 yards with a par of 72 (Public)

Approximately 7 minute drive from the The DeSoto Savannah

✓ **Southbridge Golf Club** 912-651-5455 www.southbridgegolfclub.com

415 Southbridge Blvd. ~ Savannah, GA 31405-1091

18 holes over 6,990 yards with a par of 72 (Public)

Approximately 15 minute drive from the The DeSoto Savannah

✓ **Savannah Quarters Golf Club** 912-201-2007 www.theclubatsavannahharbor.com

8 Palladian Way ~ Pooler, GA 31322

18 holes over 7,288 yards with a par of 72 (Public)

Approximately 20 minute drive from the The DeSoto Savannah

Private Club – Greg Norman Signature Golf Course

✓ **Crosswinds Golf Club** 912-966-1909 www.crosswindsgolfclub.com

232 James B. Blackburn Dr. ~ Savannah, GA 31408

18 holes over 6,512 yards with a par of 72 (Public)

Approximately 20 minute drive from the The DeSoto Savannah

✓ **Henderson Golf Club** 912-920-4653 www.hendersongolfclub.com

1 Al Henderson Dr. ~ Savannah, GA 31419

18 holes over 6,650 yards with a par of 71 (Municipal)

Approximately 20 minute drive from the The DeSoto Savannah

- ✓ **The Golf Club at The DeSoto Head Lakes** 843-208-5353 www.TheDeSotoheadlakes.com
356 Lakeside Blvd. ~ Hardeeville, SC 29927
18 holes over 7,300 yards with a par of 72 (Municipal)
Approximately 25 minute drive from the The DeSoto Savannah

Fishing Excursions

- ✓ **Miss Judy Charters** 912-897-4921 www.missjudycharters.com
- ✓ **Bull River Marina** 912-897-7300 www.bullrivermarina.com
- ✓ **Amicks Deep Sea Fishing** 912-897-6759 www.amicksdeepseafishing.com

Team Building

- ✓ **Scavenger Hunts & Tours Savannah Fun Tours** 912-667-9760 www.savannahfuntours.com
Our background in team development, combined with extensive experience in hosting parties makes us well suited for helping you spice up your next party by adding a scavenger hunt. We'll tailor the tasks to your group for the most fun.
- ✓ **Murder Mystery Dinner - Savannah Community Theatre** 912-247-4644 www.savannahcommunitytheatre.com

Theatres

- ✓ **Savannah Theatre** 912-233-7764 www.savannahtheatre.com
Located less than 1 block from the The DeSoto on Chippewa Square, this theatre is considered the oldest operating theatre in the US. Travel through time on the wings of a song as the Savannah Theatre presents two hours of our nation's greatest musical hits.
- ✓ **Lucas Theatre for the Arts** 912-525-5040 www.lucastheatre.com
Opened December 1921 the theater's future is now assured by SCAD's support, which allows for a wide range of community uses in addition to top-notch entertainment such as operas from London and Italy, European orchestras, country stars, traveling repertory companies and film series.

Arts/Museums/Homes/Cemetery

- ✓ **Telfair Museum of Art/ Jepson Center for the Arts** 912.790.8800 www.telfair.org
At the Telfair Museum of Art, there is something for everyone, from the novice to the experienced art connoisseur. To make your museum experience as pleasant, informative, and convenient as possible, we offer competitive admission rates, daily docent-guided tours at no extra charge, and a host of art-related events and activities for all ages.
- ✓ **Roundhouse Railroad Museum** 912-651-6823
A favorite for kids of all ages, this museum features a large collection of historic locomotives and rolling stock. This massive facility, constructed in 1835, served as a train construction and repair facility for the Central of Georgia Railway. It is part of the most complete antebellum railroad complex in the US. Today, you can ride on a train and take a spin on the large turntable.
- ✓ **Harper Fowlkes House** 912-234-2180 www.harperfowlkeshouse.com
A pioneer in the restoration movement, Alida Harper grew to become one of the most successful Savannah women in the 20th century. Her life and achievements are remembered still today as visitors explore the home that is maintained just as Alida wanted.
- ✓ **Davenport House Museum** 912-236-8097 www.davenportmuseum.org
The mission of the Isaiah Davenport House Museum is to preserve and interpret the American Federal-style house, and the artifacts within, built by master builder Isaiah Davenport for his household with an emphasis on the years 1820-27, in order to educate, enrich and inspire our visitors and the community, as well as recognize the historical role of the house in the founding of Historic Savannah Foundation.

✓ **Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace 912-233-4501 www.juliettegordonlowbirthplace.org**

A Girl Scout national center in Savannah, Georgia—has something to offer everyone. It is the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, who was affectionately known by her family and friends as "Daisy." Built in 1821, the house has been elegantly restored to reflect the 1880s and furnished with many original Gordon family pieces, including artwork by Juliette Gordon Low. Located in the heart of the Savannah Historic District, "the Birthplace," as it is commonly called by Girl Scouts nationwide, was the city's first National Historic Landmark.

✓ **Mercer Williams House Museum 912-236-6352 www.mercerhouse.com**

Located on Monterey Square behind the The DeSoto, Jim Williams lived here in 1861 and had his antique store behind the carriage house. Mercer House is the center stage for much of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Jim Williams held his well-known Christmas parties in the house, and its study was the site of the shooting death of Danny Hansford (the character is named Billy Hanson in the film).

✓ **Owens-Thomas House 912-233-9743**

Located on Oglethorpe Square, this English Regency style home was originally built in 1819 but was later willed to the Telfair Museum of Art in 1951. The Marquis de Lafayette, a wealthy French citizen and soldier who greatly assisted the Americans during the Revolutionary War, visited Savannah in 1825 to dedicate the Nathanael Greene Monument. He stayed at this house during his visit and addressed the people of Savannah from the southern balcony facing President Street.

✓ **Green-Meldrim House 912-233-3845**

Located on Madison Square behind the The DeSoto, this Gothic Revival 1853 home was originally built for Charles Green, an Englishman who was a wealthy cotton merchant. When Savannah was surrendered to the Union Army in December 1864, Green offered his home to General Sherman to serve as his headquarters while in Savannah. It was from here that Sherman sent his famous telegram to President Lincoln presenting the city as a Christmas gift.

✓ **Colonial Park Cemetery**

Established in 1750 and closed to burials in 1853. Even though there are only about 600 burial markers present, it is estimated that there could be as many as 9,000 people buried there. During the Union occupation of Savannah in the Civil War, Union troops camped and stabled horses here. Many graves were desecrated during this time as some of the troops looted graves and vaults seeking valuables. They also changed the dates on some of the tombstones in a poor attempt at humor. Many of the damaged tombstones have been cemented to the cemetery's eastern wall.

✓ **Forsyth Park & the Fountain**

Located less than 4 minutes behind the The DeSoto, the park was originally established in the 1840's and has served as a location for large public events and celebrations. The cast iron fountain erected in 1858 is probably the most photographed site in Savannah.

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